

TOWN OF ALTONA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Altona Council held on April 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Mayor Melvin Klassen, Councillors: Ann Kroeker, Terry Wiebe, Ted Klassen, Don Braun, Glen Robinson and Tim Fast, Administration: Russ Phillips, Larry Driedger, Delores Loewen, Ron Epp, Perry Batchelor, Irv Braun, and Youth Representative Keely Loewen.

Absent – Bill Loewen.

Media: Dean Penner – CFAM

1. Call to order

Mayor Mel Klassen called the meeting to order at the appointed time.

2. Review of agenda & previous minutes:

76-2011 – Don Braun – Ann Kroeker - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.111 March 22, 2011 Council Minutes

77-2011 – Don Braun – Ann Kroeker - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting of Council be adopted as posted and circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Delegations - None

4. Hearings

4.1 5:45 P.M. - 123 First Street SW – Ben Falk Property – Continuation of Hearing from April 12th.

See Hearing later in minutes.

4.2 6:30 P.M. – 2011 Financial Plan Hearing

See Hearing later in minutes.

5. Administrative Reports

CAO Russ Phillips gave a verbal report:

- Municipal Officials Seminar

- Highlights included “Re-inventing Municipalities” and “Green Manitoba” spokesman – Jim Ferguson
- EDAM (Economic Developers Association of Manitoba) last week in Brandon which was followed by the ‘Capturing Opportunities’ sessions
- Red River Economic Developers network meeting was held this morning in Morden.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance & Administration

6.111 Committee Minutes – April 19th, 2011

Councillor Don Braun reviewed the minutes with Council. Several items were dealt with via resolution.

78-2011 – Don Braun – Glen Robinson – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the position description for the position of Public Works Supervisor and the corresponding salary grid be adjusted as per the recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steven Wiebe be placed at Step 5 on the revised grid;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT these changes be effective as of June 1st, 2011.

CARRIED.

79-2011 – Don Braun – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona create a new position known as a Geographical Information System Technician as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a detailed position description be developed for this new position;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon Council approval of this new position, that the targeted time to fill this position be set for the Fall of 2011.

CARRIED.

80-2011 – Don Braun – Glen Robinson - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona create a new position in the Altona Police Service, to be known as a ‘Corporal’ as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the position description, and associated salary grid, for the position of ‘Corporal’ as proposed be adopted as reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT these changes be effective as of June 1st, 2011.

CARRIED.

81-2011 – Don Braun – Tim Fast - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Account Cheque No.s 40588 to 40773 and the Payroll & Indemnities from February 24, 2011 to April 6, 2011 be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

82-2011 – Don Braun – Ted Klassen - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following outstanding Utility Accounts be transferred to their corresponding Tax Roll Account:

Account #	Roll #	Balance
0000040-0	53800	82.20
00000340-0	46800	91.68
00000560-0	26300	159.14
00000830-0	8800	127.37
00001030-0	96100	141.05
00001330-0	16600	109.94
00001590-0	51600	256.17
00001790-0	126700	154.56
00001910-0	121300	78.32
00001940-0	69600	114.86
00002200-0	45900	92.45
00002250-0	69500	104.56
00002380-0	112600	169.16
00002470-0	8200	250.60
00002540-0	14200	106.65
00002810-0	36800	122.85
00002880-0	87700	94.73
00003160-0	46400	156.09
00003530-0	120400	169.61
00003760-0	11300	356.87
00003780-0	13000	67.40
00003950-0	18300	81.44
00004020-0	121100	127.53
00004210-0	14000	144.68
00004240-0	47400	169.96
00004450-0	122300	97.20
00005170-0	19300	74.87
00005520-0	57300	182.58
00005560-0	22200	68.07
00005780-0	90200	37.70
00005850-0	55200	141.54
00006790-0	41300	102.10

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00006870-0	70800	70.79
00007650-0	126500	293.15
00007920-0	117100	115.46
00008020-0	57800	87.88
00008180-0	21300	97.80
00008250-0	22500	153.24
00008701-1	58600	24.24
00008702-0	58600	126.69
00008706-0	58600	77.40
00008760-0	104200	117.24
00010230-0	33500	125.91
00010310-0	55700	279.32
00010430-0	115800	112.01
00010860-0	66900	174.63
00011220-0	71600	295.98
00011330-0	97100	374.24
00012350-0	22975	22.00
00012570-0	132100	243.46
00012900-0	22300	75.39
00013400-1	161100	101.55
00013600-0	108500	57.82
00014460-0	139620	16.98
00014760-0	204530	213.05
00014790-0	106900	67.94

Total		7,558.10

CARRIED.

6.112 Altona Community Development Corporation – No report.

6.113 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Glen Robinson reported that the Chamber is trying to sort out some meeting dates for the Board meetings.

6.114 Sunbelt Development Group – No report.

6.115 Pembina Valley Development Corporation – No report.

6.116 PVDC Tourism Committee – No report.

6.117 Triple R Community Futures – No report.

6.118 RPGA Planning District

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that there has been some discussion amongst members of Council to set aside some time to discuss the

proposed RPGA Development Plan Policies. It was suggested that the CAO set up a meeting to have this discussion.

RE: Hearing 4.1 – 5:45 – 123 First Street SW – Ben Falk Property – Continuation of Hearing.

At the last meeting of Council, a hearing was started and adjourned until today to deal with the above property.

Mayor Mel Klassen re-convened the hearing at 5:45. Mr. Ben Falk was in attendance for the hearing.

Mr. Falk made a presentation to Council. He made numerous references to the state of his health.

After hearing Mr. Falk, Mayor Klassen then closed the hearing.

83-2011 – Ann Kroeker – Glen Robinson - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss certain legal matters.

CARRIED.

84-2011 – Tim Fast – Ann Kroeker - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

**85-2011 – Terry Wiebe – Don Braun - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the order to remedy, under By-law No. 1646/2006, for the property at 123 First Street S.W., be varied so that items one (1) to six (6) of said order must be remedied by October 31st, 2011;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT should said order not be completed by said date, that the Town of Altona will demolish the said house on the property.**

CARRIED Unanimously.

Mr. Falk left the meeting at this point.

6.2 Community & Social Development

6.211 Committee Minutes – April 19th, 2011

Councillor Ann Kroeker reviewed the minutes with Council. There was some discussion on the Moto Cross Track.

6.212 CARE – No report.

6.213 Manitoba Sunflower Festival – No report.

6.214 Council Youth Representative Report

Youth Council representative reported that:

- Baseball and softball are starting tomorrow
- Additional Aces logos are going up in the Gym
- Teams recently competed in the 'Skills' competition
- SEVEC Group is back in Altona
- Visiting SEVEC group will be here May 13th

RE: 6:30 P.M. – 2011 Financial Plan Hearing

Mayor Mel Klassen opened the hearing at the appointed time. Also in attendance for the hearing were Mike Tarnick and Art Dyck.

Councillor Don Braun made some comments about the process of how the Financial Plan was created. He then asked Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Driedger, to present the Financial Plan documentation.

There were some expressions of appreciation to Committee and Staff for the preparation of the Financial Plan information.

The Hearing was then closed by Mayor Klassen.

86-2011 – Don Braun – Glen Robinson - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2011 Town of Altona Financial Plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

87-2011 – Don Braun – Terry Wiebe – THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the 2011 Capital Budget as presented.

CARRIED.

88-2011 – Don Braun – Ted Klassen - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the Five Year Capital Expenditure Program as presented.

CARRIED.

89-2011 – Don Braun – Ann Kroeker - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1686/2011, to provide for imposition of taxes for 2011, be now given first reading.

CARRIED.

90-2011 – Don Braun – Tim Fast - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1686/2011 be now given second reading.

CARRIED.

- 6.215 South Central Regional Library Report
Councillor Ted Klassen reported that the annual used book sale will be taking place at the Access Event Centre (Morden Recreation Centre) from May 12th to 14th.
- 6.216 Altona & District Health Care Centre Inc. – No report.
- 6.217 Morden & District Veterinarian Board – No report.
- 6.218 Curling Club
Minutes of the April 18th, 2011 meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.
- 6.219 Altona in Bloom Committee
A seminar was recently held on gardening in garden pots.
- 6.220 Playground Committee
The Committee met recently. They had a good discussion on funding and future additions.
- 6.221 Gallery in the Park Operating Committee
Friends of the Gallery Opening event is scheduled for May 19th. Open to the public on May 20th.

91-2011 – Ann Kroeker – Ted Klassen - WHEREAS the Altona Motor Hotel and Grumpy's Bar have requested permission to extend their hours of operation and also to hold a 'beer garden' during the Manitoba Sunflower Festival; AND WHEREAS the Community & Social Development Committee has reviewed the request and recommends approval thereof; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona approve the extended hours of operation to 3:00 A.M. on July 22nd and 23rd, 2011 for the Altona Motor Hotel and Grumpy's Bar, subject to appropriate approvals being obtained from the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission.

CARRIED.

92-2011 – Ann Kroeker – Tim Fast - WHEREAS the Town of Altona has received approval from Manitoba Community Places for a grant to cover a portion of the cost of replacing exterior doors at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Altona/Rhineland Pioneer Centre make application to the Altona Community Foundation for additional funding to help offset the costs of this project.

CARRIED.

6.3 Works & Operations

6.311 Committee Report

Councillor Ted Klassen reported that letters will be sent to those homeowners that are currently pumping their sump pumps onto the streets.

93-2011 – Ted Klassen – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT April 30th, 2011 be set as ‘Give-Away Days’ for the Town of Altona for 2011.

CARRIED.

6.312 Lower Red River Valley Water Commission – No report.

6.313 Pembina Valley Recycling Network – No report.

6.314 Pembina Valley Water Coop – No report.

7. General Correspondence – None.

8. Unfinished business

8.1 PVWC Request – Fluoride in Water

CAO Russ Phillips reported that he has not yet made contact with Manitoba Health on this issue.

Councillor Tim Fast reported that he has received calls from three people on this issue. They were all opposed to fluoride in the water. Councillor Ted Klassen referred to some studies and articles. These report that from a cancer point of view it is best to keep the levels as low as possible.

After some discussion there was consensus that the Water Coop should be encouraged to continue to add fluoride to the water, however it should be kept to the lowest levels possible, in order to still be effective.

Councillor Tim Fast will take this advice to the PVWC Board meeting.

8.2 AMM Resolutions – Deadline – June 1, 2011 – Does Altona have any?

9. New business - None

10. In Camera – there was one held earlier in the meeting.

94-2011 – Ann Kroeker – Terry Wiebe - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Secretary Treasurer